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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 15, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Amendments to the claims are submitted beginning on page 2.

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